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STATE OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of

JOHN STEELE CLAYTON,

Licensee.

Order No. 14-0203
WAOIC No. 807528
NAIC No. 16621094

CONSENT ORDER LEVYING
A FINE

This Consent Order is entered into by the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Washington, acting pursuant to the authority set forth in RCW 48.17.060 and RCW 48.17.530, and John Steele Clayton, a licensed insurance producer.

BASIS:

1. John Steele Clayton ("Clayton or the Licensee") is a resident insurance producer licensed to do business in the state of Washington. He has been licensed in Washington since April 24, 2012.
2. Between October 2012 and July 14, 2014, Clayton offered to give an unlimited number of \$25 gift cards to any of his insurance customers each time they sent him a referral for a quote. He actually gave away ninety-two (92) gift cards.
3. Clayton did not keep any agency records that would indicate who received the gift cards, the date they received the gift card, or how many gift cards they received.
4. By offering prizes worth more than \$25 to his insurance customers for referrals, Clayton violated RCW 48.30.140.
5. By failing to retain a record of all transactions consummated under the license, Clayton violated RCW 48.17.470(1).
6. RCW 48.17.530(1)(b) provides that a producer's license may be revoked or suspended for violating any insurance laws, or violating any rule of the Commissioner.

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7. RCW 48.17.560 allows the Commissioner to impose a fine of not more than \$1,000 per violation on a producer in addition to or in lieu of revocation or suspension of his or her license.

CONSENT TO ORDER:

The Insurance Commissioner of the state of Washington and the Licensee agree that the best interest of the public will be served by entering into this Consent Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Licensee consents to the following in consideration of his desire to resolve this matter without further administrative or judicial proceedings. The Insurance Commissioner consents to settle this matter in consideration of the Licensee's payment of a fine, and upon such terms and conditions as are set forth below:

1. Clayton acknowledges his duty to comply fully with the applicable laws of the state of Washington.
2. Clayton consents to the entry of this Consent Order, waives any and all hearing rights, and further administrative or judicial challenges to this Consent Order.
3. By agreement of the parties, the Insurance Commissioner will impose a fine of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be paid by Clayton within thirty days of the entry of this Consent Order.
4. Clayton understands and agrees that any future failure to comply with the statutes that are the subject of this Consent Order constitutes grounds for further penalties, which may be imposed in response to further violations.
5. Clayton's failure to pay this fine within 30 days of the execution of this Consent Order shall constitute grounds for revocation of his insurance producer license and shall result in the recovery of the fine through a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General of the state of Washington.
6. This Consent Order and the violations set forth herein constitute admissible evidence that may be considered in any future action by the Insurance Commissioner involving the Licensee. However, the facts of this Consent Order, and any provision, finding or conclusion contained herein does not, and is not intended to, determine any factual or legal issues or have any preclusive or collateral estoppel effects in any lawsuit by any party other than Insurance Commissioner.

EXECUTED this 18th day of November, 2014.

JOHN STEELE CLAYTON

Signature:

Printed Name:

John Steele Clayton
John Steele Clayton

AGREED ORDER

Pursuant to the foregoing factual basis and Consent to Order, the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Washington hereby Orders as follows:

1. Clayton shall pay a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) within thirty days of the date of the entry of this Consent Order.

2. Clayton's failure to pay the fine within thirty days of the execution of this Consent Order shall result in the revocation of his insurance producer's license and in the recovery of the fine through a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General of the state of Washington.

3. This Consent Order and the violations set forth herein constitute admissible evidence that may be considered in any future action by the Insurance Commissioner involving the Licensee. However, the fact of this Consent Order, and any provision, finding or conclusion contained herein does not, and is not intended to, determine any factual or legal issues or have any preclusive or collateral estoppel effects in any lawsuit by any party other than the Insurance Commissioner.

Executed this 24th day of February, 2014.

Mike Kreidler

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Insurance Commissioner

By and through his designee

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